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Slight Reduction Of Tax Rate Forecast

New Cherry Sheets Bring In More Green

The cherry sheet returns designating state reimbursements to the town are in, revealing a total of \$1,098,682, reflecting an increase of \$82,306 over last year. There are strings attached, though. Assessors have not completed

computations of the final impact on the tax rate, either up or down.

Town accountant William Signorelli explained that the impact of increased state and county assessments has increased by \$24,523, thereby

reducing the town's cherry sheet increases to about \$58,000.

If the entire \$58,000 were applied to the tax rate it represents only a reduction of 58 cents from the current per thousand rate of \$49.60.

The valuation figure for all real and personal property for fiscal 1979 was \$99,823,340. If that valuation increases by a million dollars, Signorelli said, then the tax rate should stay about the same.

Thus it is clear that the \$166

million more in cherry sheet reimbursement from the state that Governor King sees reducing property taxes across the state will have little if any benefit on the Cohasset rate.

Assessors are expected to have the tax rate established by Sept. 1. A 1978 Town Meeting resolution by the Town Government Structure Study Committee instructed the Board of Assessors to set the tax rate within 30 days of the adjournment of the annual Town Meeting, assuming receipt of the Cherry Sheet, or not later than Sept. 1.

Signorelli explained that the Assessors needn't comply with the resolution. Town Meeting did not vote to apply any amount from free cash to help lower the tax rate.

A unanimous vote by the Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen elected to retain the certified July 1, 1979 free cash balance of \$84,722 and not to use the sum to reduce the tax rate.



ON LINE ready to go are familiar school buses in the long yellow fleet.
[Greg Derr photo]

Schools, Students At The Ready

Back to school preparations are being made all over town: kids are having haircuts and physicals, teachers are honing their plan books, and the administration is mapping out bus routes and class schedules. But perhaps the most dramatic measures for readying the start of a new school

year can be seen in the schools themselves.

With the aid of a \$132,998 CETA grant, the school department was able to employ 10 people to serve as custodians-in-training with and as an adjunct to regular janitorial staff. This assistance combined with individual con-

tracted projects have afforded the schools an annual thorough summer cleaning as well as some major renovations — particularly at the Jr./Sr. High and Deer Hill Schools.

These changes, elucidated in a tour by Superintendent John Maloney, earmark the department's desire for more

esthetic, energy-conserving, and vandal-proof school years to come. Maloney stressed the contributions of the CETA help; they learned a trade on-the-job, while allowing the continuance of regular maintenance and repairs, especially during the summer months when vacation absences would have meant interruptions in the work flow.

At the Jr./Sr. High School every pair of solid doors, 20 sets, in the corridors had rectangular windows with wire mesh inserted on both sides. They will serve as peep holes through which to see oncoming traffic, as it were. Maloney said he had soon many students getting bumped by the doors, because they were simply not able to see who was coming on the other way. Many of the doors were cleaned, sanded down and

Had the 23-year olds become staid since graduation? A look at Senior Superlatives didn't evince too much of a change.

Shirley (Snyder) Powell said she was "still holding true" to her vote of Most Easy Going. Her big smile and immediate friendliness made it easy to understand how she earned

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Class of CHS '74 Reunited

By Judith Epstein

Some had gained weight judging by their senior year book pictures, some had already realized their expectations, and some had taken the road less travelled by. Individual histories of the past five years unravelled Saturday evening, as 75 Cohasset High School graduates of 1974 reunited with their old classmates.

Although the sky was menacing, three-quarters of that graduating class turned out for a backyard buffet at the Golden residence on Bound Brook Lane. The location seemed only fitting, because according to class member and hostess Karen Golden, "The graduation party was here, but it was a much more crowded situation then," she laughed.



LAST FLING before school opening finds Ginger Raliff taking plunge at Mill River.

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